

**Approved Minutes
Public Transportation and Bicycle Committee
September 16, 2008**

Attendance: Jane Ashby, Peter Lillya, Karen Kowles, Andrew Melnechuk, Fran VanTreese, Walter Wolnik, Glenn Barrington, Stephanie O'Keefe, Mary Wentworth, Eduardo Suarez, Lynn Grabowski

Jane Ashby opened the meeting at 8:45 a.m. in the First Floor Meeting Room of Town Hall.

Glenn Barrington reported that the busses were experiencing the usual problems of overcrowding 15 minutes before classes and delays in schedules and traffic issues.

Jane suggested that each committee member pick a project from the list of goals for FY09 that was developed at the August meeting. Committee members volunteered for the following tasks:

Peter Lillya - Bike racks at bus stops

Fran VanTreese - Park and Ride

Karen Kowles - Ride sharing / RideBuzz

Jane Ashby - investigate CPA funds for bike trails, update website

Andrew Melnechuk - Improve and expend bike lanes (maintenance of lines and extend lanes)

Peter Lillya - Increase bike racks on busses

Andrew Melnechuk - Review of all paving projects

Karen Kowles - Other forms of alternative transportation (zip cars, auto rickshaws, etc.)

The full Committee will work on the following tasks:

- Develop strategy to fund outreach routes in keeping with downtown development
- Transportation goals and objectives for Transpiration Enterprise Fund. Change pie chart in TEF
- Become familiar with Public Transportation Finances
- Clarify and simplify presentation of the budget of the TEF and Public Transportation Finances

Stephanie O'Keefe suggested the Committee look at getting bike racks in public facilities and at downtown bike parking. Jane suggested the committee could do this informally.

Jane nominated Fran to be the liaison to the Parking Task Force. Andrew seconded. Fran abstained. All other members voted in favor of the motion.

Fran nominated Peter to be the liaison to the Design Review Board for the Pomeroy Lane project with Jane as the backup. Karen seconded the motion, Peter abstained and all others voted in favor of the motion.

Mary Wentworth and Eduard Suarez presented the Common's Groups proposal to reduce the speed limit in Town to 25 miles an hour.

Andrew moved "To recommend to the Selectboard to support the proposal submitted on September 16, 2008 to the Public Transportation and Bicycle Committee by the Commons Group to facilitate bicycle and pedestrian safety".

Karen seconded the motion.

There was a lengthy discussion.

The motion was approved by a 3 to 2 vote with Karen, Andrew and Fran voting in favor and Jane and Peter voting against the motion.

Fran agreed to summarize the committee's concerns in a draft letter to the Selectboard for approval at the next meeting.

Fran moved to approve the Annual Report. Peter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Peter moved to accept the minutes of the August 12, 2008 meeting. Andrew seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Andrew reported on the Public Works Committee meeting he had attended.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 21st at 8:45 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Fran VanTreese, Secretary